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SUMMARY. JSP SEC-GEN CALLED ON AMBASSADOR AUGUST 26 TO REQUEST ASSI-
STANCE IN ASSURING SUCCESS OF FORTHCOMING JSP MISSION TO US. HE
SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER.
AMB WELCOMED JSP MISSION AND AGREED TO CONVEY JSP REQUEST TO DEPAR-
TMENT. BALANCING ADVERSE FACTORS (SNUB OF PRESIDENT FORD, NARITA
PEKING COMMUNIQUE, ELECTION MOTIVE, AND POSSIBILITY OF UNFAVORABLE
AND DISTORTED PUBLICITY) AND PLUSES (POSSIBILITY SUCCESSFUL MIS-
SION MIGHT IMPROVE JSP MODERATE POSITION AND CHANCE TO DIRECTLY
STATE USG POLICY RE ASIAN SECURITY, MST AND, IMPORTANTLY, NPT),
WE RECOMMEND JSP MISSION RECEIVE TREATMENT ROUGHLY EQUAL TO THAT
ACCORDED EARLIER DSP MISSION. END SUMMARY.
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1. JSP SEC-GEN ISHIBASHI CALLED ON AMB AUGUST 26 TO DISCUSS SEPT-
EMBER 17-23 JSP MISSION TO WASHINGTON. ISHIBASHI SAID HE HAS LONG
ADVOCATED INCREASED DIALOGUE BETWEEN JSP AND USG OFFICIALS AND DIS-
PATCH OF AN OFFICIAL PARTY DELEGATION TO US. AS HE HAS ONLY NOW

BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME SUBSTANTIAL INTRA-PARTY OPPOSITION, HE VERY MUCH HOPES THIS MISSION WILL BE A SUCCESS. IF IT IS, PARTY WILL SEND OTHER MISSIONS IN FUTURE. STATING FRANKLY HIS CONCERN OVER ATTITUDE OF USG OFFICIALS TOWARD JSP, ISHIBASHI ASKED AMB'S CO-OPERATION IN ASSURING SUCCESS OF MISSION.

2. TURNING TO QUESTION OF A MEETING WITH SECRETARY, ISHIBASHI, RECALLING HIS OWN MEETING IN TOKYO WITH DR. KISSINGER IN 1972, NOTED THAT SECRETARY HAD THEN INVITED HIM TO CONTINUE THEIR DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON. ISHIBASHI SAID THAT, WHILE EDA DOES NOT HAVE A SIMILAR PRIOR RELATIONSHIP WITH SECRETARY, HE NEVERTHELESS HOPED THAT AMB WOULD ASSIST IN ARRANGING A MEETING WITH SECRETARY FOR EDA MISSION.

3. THE AMB SAID HE VERY MUCH WELCOMED DISPATCH OF JSP MISSION AND WAS CERTAIN IT WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE FRANK AND SUBSTANTIAL TALKS WITH USG OFFICIALS WHICH WOULD LAY GROUNDWORK FOR CONTINUED DIALOGUE. HE EXPLAINED THAT SECRETARY WAS EXTREMELY BUSY, AND IF HE WERE NOT AVAILABLE, OTHER OFFICIALS WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH MISSION. HE AGREED TO CONVEY ISHIBASHI'S REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

4. ALTHOUGH ISHIBASHI DID NOT RAISE SUBJECT, A JSP OFFICIAL (SUGIYAMA) HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS WITH VICE PRESIDENT AND SECDEF. AND JSP DIET MEMBER KAWAKAMI, MEMBER OF MISSION, RECALLING HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT DONALD RUMSFELD IN JAPAN IN EARLY 1969, HAS ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT TO MEET HIM AGAIN.

5. THIS WILL BE FIRST OFFICIAL JSP MISSION TO US IN 18 YEARS. IT WILL BE LED BY JSP VICE-CHAIRMAN (AND MODERATE-WING LEADER) SABURO EDA. IT WILL INCLUDE FOLLOWING JSP DIET MEMBERS: MODERATE TAMIO KAWAKAMI (WHOSE FATHER LED 1957 MISSION), INVETERATE GRANDSTANDER HIDEO DEN, SAKAKI-FACTION LEFTWINGER SUSUMU KOBAYASHI, AND SOCIALIST ASSOCIATION LEFTWING REPRESENTATIVE TETSU UEDA. INTERNATIONAL BUREAU DEPUTY CHIEF AND LONG-TIME EMBASSY CONTACT SHOZO SUGIYAMA WILL ACCOMPANY MISSION.
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6. TADASHI YAMAMOTO, DIRECTOR OF JAPAN CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE, WILL ARRANGE JSP APPOINTMENTS WITH CONGRESS, MEDIA, ACADEMICS AND BUSINESSMEN IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. YAMAOTO WILL BE IN WASHINGTON IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, AND WILL COORDINATE WITH EA/J. ISHIBASHI HAS SENT LETTER TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ZURHELLEN SEEKING ASSISTANCE FOR MISSION.

7. COMMENT. THERE ARE PLUSES AND MINUSES FOR US POLICY IN THIS MISSION. SEVERAL ADVERSE FACTORS READILY COME TO MIND.

(A) JSP PROTESTED PRESIDENT FORD'S 1974 VISIT TO JAPAN AND REFUSED TO ATTEND ANY FUNCTIONS FOR HIM, OSTENSIBLY BECAUSE OF LAROCQUE TESTIMONY ISSUE. (B) JSP CHAIRMAN NARITA RECENTLY SIGNED A COMMUNIQUE IN PEKING SHARPLY CRITICAL OF BOTH US AND USSR BY NAME.

(C) THERE IS AN ELECTION MOTIVE BEHIND MISSION AND PUBLICITY WILL BE TAILORED TO THAT END. DEN AND UEDA, PARTICULARLY, PRESENT POSSIBILITY OF UNWANTED--AND POSSIBLY DISTORTED--PUBLICITY. (D) MISSION PLANS TO VISIT UN AFTER WASHINGTON TO STATE, ACCORDING TO PRESS, THAT GOJ POSITION ON KOREA ISSUE DOES NOT CORRECTLY REPRESENT JAPANESE PEOPLE. IT IS PROBABLE THAT MISSION IN NEW YORK WILL SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER MISSION AND ANNOUNCE TO PRESS ITS SUPPORT OF UNFRIENDLY KOREAN RESOLUTION. (E) MISSION IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT PLO REPS AND IRAQI SOCIALISTS (AS WELL AS SWEDISH AND UK SOCIALISTS) EN ROUTE HOME.

8. DESPITE THESE RATHER IMPRESSIVE NEGATIVE FACTORS, THERE IS JUSTIFICATION IN OFFERING MISSION REASONABLY HIGH-LEVEL WASHINGTON ATTENTION. (A) ISHIBASHI, MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED CHOICE AS A SUCCESSOR TO JSP CHAIRMAN NARITA, HAS CLEARLY EXPOSED HIMSELF BY PROMOTING DISPATCH OF THIS MISSION. INFLUENCE WITHIN JSP OF ISHIBASHI AND UEDA, MODERATES WITH WHOM MIKI IS ON GOOD TERMS, COULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED BY WHETHER OR NOT MISSION IS PERCEIVED AS SUCCESS--AND THIS IS KEYED TO WHAT KIND OF ATTENTION MISSION RECEIVES IN WASHINGTON. (B)) WASHINGTON MEETINGS WOULD PROVIDE USG OFFICIALS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN DIRECTLY AND AT LENGTH OUR POSITIONS ON ASIAN SECURITY, THE MST AND, IMPORTANTLY, THE NPT (WHERE JSP SUPPORT APPEARS IMPORTANT FOR RATIFICATION)

9. ATTENTION IN JAPAN WILL FOCUS MORE ON SYMBOLISM OF THIS MISSION,
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AS JSP TACIT RECOGNITION OF IMPORTANCE OF US, THAN ON SUBSTANCE, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN CYNICAL PRESS MUTTERINGS AS TO WHETHER JSP CAN RIGHTFULLY EXPECT HIGH-LEVEL TREATMENT FROM USG IN VIEW OF NARITA'S PEKING COMMUNIQUE AND PARTY'S SNUBBING OF PRESIDENTIAL VISIT, SOME JOURNALIST CONTACTS, TO DATE PRIVATELY, ARE ALSO HOPING SUCCESSFUL MISSION MAY HELP STRENGTHEN JSP MODERATE WING. RELATIVE DEGREE OF ATTENTION ACCORDED DSP AND JSP MISSIONS WILL ALSO BE NOTED.

10. ON BALANCE, WE RECOMMEND THAT APPOINTMENTS BE ARRANGED WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN STATE AND DOD, KEEPING IN MIND THE DESIRABILITY OF MAINTAINING A BALANCED ATTITUDE TOWARD THE DSP AND JSP MISSIONS. AMB IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH MISSION MEMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 11 AND IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EMBASSY COULD BE INFORMED OF ARRANGEMENTS BY THAT DATE.
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